

# **FISH and WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

**Meeting Date:** May 12, 2016

**Agenda Item:** Widow Coulee Fishing Access Site Construction Closure (R4)

**Division:** Fisheries

**Action Needed:** Final

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 5 Min

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## **Background**

The Widow Coulee project will consist of repairing a 400 foot section of the entrance road. The plan is to install erosion control methods, reset the barrier rocks, re-grade the road and put down a better base material. These improvements will provide a more stable surface, improve drainage, and lessen the steep grade of the road. The Widow Coulee project was awarded \$173, 750 in Missouri Madison River Recreation Fund grants towards the completion of this project.

## **Public Involvement Process & Results**

The Widow Coulee project is maintenance to the existing entrance road and for that reason an environmental assessment was not required. We initiated no other public involvement processes.

## **Alternatives and Analysis**

The road improvements will have a positive effect on both public safety and natural resources. Drainage problems will be resolved, reducing future maintenance issues, and the road improvements will provide a safer road for public use.

## **Agency Recommendation & Rationale**

For public safety and to facilitate construction, FWP recommends that the Commission approve our request to temporarily close public access to the Widow Coulee FAS during construction scheduled this summer.

## **Proposed Motion**

I move that the Commission approve FWP's request to temporarily close public access to the Widow Coulee FAS during construction scheduled this summer.